

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 1999" (Rept. No. 105-345).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources:

Henry L. Solano, of Colorado, to be Solicitor of the Department of Labor.

Jane E. Henney, of New Mexico, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

Thomasina V. Rogers, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2003.

Joseph E. Stevens, Jr., of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2003. (Reappointment)

Paul M. Igasaki, of California, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2002. (Reappointment), to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Ida L. Castro, of New York, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2003.

Paul Steven Miller, of California, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for the remainder of the term expiring July 1, 1999.

Joy Harjo, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2002.

Joan Specter, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2002.

Patricia T. Montoya, of New Mexico, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

Romulo L. Diaz, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

J. Charles Fox, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Norine E. Noonan, of Florida, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Terrence L. Bracy, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy for a term expiring October 6, 2004. (Reappointment)

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Charles G. Groat, of Texas, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey.

Gregory H. Friedman, of Maryland, to be Inspector General of the Department of Energy.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. KEMPTHORNE:

S. 2512. A bill to establish a National Resources Institute at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SMITH of Oregon:

S. 2513. A bill to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land located within or adjacent to Rogue River National Forest and to clarify the authority of the Bureau of Land Management to sell and exchange other Federal land in Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 281. A resolution to authorize testimony and representation of employees of the Senate in *United States v. Alphonso Michael Espy*; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. KEMPTHORNE:

S. 2512. A bill to establish a National Resources Institute at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

NATIONAL RESOURCES INSTITUTE LEGISLATION

• Mr. KEMPTHORNE. Mr. President, today I introduce the Natural Resources Institute legislation. Congressman CRAPO, who represents the second Congressional district in my state of Idaho, introduced the Natural Resources Institute legislation in the House, on September 17, 1998. I believe this legislation will help find solutions to many of the problems that affect the health of our environment.

This country is faced with the challenge of protecting the environment, while maintaining economic growth. The use of our nation's natural resources touches all of our lives every day. However, this use has left a legacy of fragmented land-use and regions of environmental degradation, including areas in my home state of Idaho.

Unfortunately, there has not been a comprehensive and coordinated effort to address these environmental issues or an organized effort to help other communities from making similar mistakes. I believe that many of these problems could be avoided if the communities faced with land-use decisions had access to sound scientific research.

The Natural Resources Institute Act, utilizing expertise from national laboratories and universities, will provide communities with access to sound scientific research when making environmental and land-use decisions. In addition, the Natural Resources Institute Act will coordinate research efforts to solve real-world environmental problems. It will be particularly helpful in addressing problems associated with agriculture, logging, grazing, hydro-power, fishing, mining, recreation and other natural resource activities.

Mr. President, I believe this important legislation gives state and local governments the necessary tools to make sound informed decisions regarding land-use decisions. I would like to commend Congressman CRAPO for his leadership on this important issue. •

By Mr. SMITH of Oregon:

S. 2513. A bill to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land located within or adjacent to Rogue River National Forest and to clarify the authority of the Bureau of Land Management to sell and exchange other Federal land in Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

OREGON PUBLIC LAND TRANSFER AND PROTECTION ACT OF 1998

• Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation to transfer the administrative jurisdiction over certain lands within or adjacent to the Rogue River National Forest and to clarify the authority of the Bureau of Land Management to sell and exchange Oregon and California Railroad grant lands (O and C lands) in Oregon. The bill represents a thoughtfully crafted compromise agreed to by the majority and minority in the other body, and the O and C counties and the timber industry in my state.

Title I of the bill would consolidate the management over certain parcels of federal land by transferring jurisdiction over these parcels between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. The status of any O and C lands transferred will not change, regardless of which agency has jurisdiction over the lands following the transfer. This is not a land exchange in the traditional sense, but rather the transfer of jurisdiction between two agencies of lands already in federal ownership. It is my understanding that the Administration supports this transfer.

Title II of the bill provides that, over successive ten-year periods, there will be no net loss of acres designated as O and C lands. These lands are somewhat unique in the federal inventory, and are managed in accordance with the